

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 6, line 15 through page 8, line 13 with the following amended section:

--The invention has been made for solution of the challenges above, and an aspect of the invention is to provide an installer that can simplify installation of a printer driver by automatically recognizing and deleting a printer driver that is no longer required.

Another aspect of the invention is to provide a printing system using a printer driver that can generate a printer driver capable of controlling multiple models of printers, provide a printing system dependent on printer drivers that can be supplied efficiently, and can efficiently check the operation of a printer driver when modification such as addition or improvement of a function is made to the printer driver.

An embodiment of the invention has a configuration as follows. A management method for managing device drivers in an information processing apparatus connectable to a printer, which is an example of peripheral devices, comprises an obtaining step of obtaining version information for device drivers in the information processing apparatus and information on peripheral devices that can be controlled by the device drivers; a recognition step of recognizing unnecessary device drivers among possibly multiple versions of device drivers that reside in the storage device of the information processing apparatus and correspond to a particular peripheral device, based on the version information for the device drivers and information on peripheral devices controllable by the device drivers obtained in the obtaining step; and a deletion control step of controlling deletion of device drivers that have been

recognized as unnecessary in the recognition step.

According to another aspect of the invention, a first aspect of the invention is an information processing apparatus that has multiple control programs for performing processing corresponding to printer functions, including a first obtaining unit configured to obtain, from a first print control module, version information on a version of the first print control module and printer type information on a printer type supported by the first print control module; a second obtaining unit configured to obtain, from a second print control module, version information on a version of the second print control module and printer type information on a printer type supported by the second print control module; a recording unit configured to, if the printer type information obtained by the first and second obtaining units is identical to each other, record the version information on a newer one of the versions of the first and second control modules in correspondence with the printer type information as correspondence information; a recognition unit configured to recognize printer type information on a printer type of a certain printer; a selection unit configured to select the version information recorded in correspondence with the printer type information recognized by the recognition unit by referring to the correspondence information recorded by the recording unit; and an execution unit configured to execute one of the first and second print control modules for the version information selected by the selection unit can install multiple control programs capable of performing image processing and control processing corresponding to functions of a peripheral device and can provide printing data to a peripheral device connected to it, comprising recognition means for recognizing information indicating the model of said peripheral device; management means for managing information indicating the versions of multiple control

programs that correspond to the model indicated in the information recognized by the recognition means; and selection means for selecting the newest version of control program from the versions of control program managed by the management means.

Other features and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters designate the same or similar parts throughout there of.--